

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004. Claims 1 - 26 are pending in this application. Claims 1 - 19 and 23 - 26 are rejected and claims 20 - 22 are objected to.

Applicant greatly appreciates that assistance received from the Examiner in preparing this amendment. At the Examiner's suggestion, the term "derivative" has been removed from claims 1 - 16, 25 and 26 and replaced with the term "compound". In addition, the term "expressed" has been removed from Claim 1. Claims 17 - 19 have been amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestions found at the last two paragraphs of page two of the Office Action. Finally, claims 23 and 24 have been amended according to the Examiner's suggestions. In claim 23 the term "prevention" has been replaced by "treatment" and claims 23 and 24 have been amended to claim treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* induced peptic ulcers.

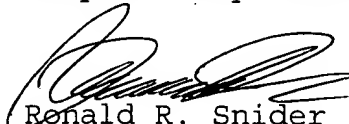
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action in accordance thereof is requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed in this current

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condition, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems by Interview or Examiner's Amendment.

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